

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM**  
**VIA VIDEO LINK**

The meeting was held in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, enabling meetings of local authorities held from 1 May 2021 to be held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor Cllr Gareth John presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Julia Ault, Tom Defis, Baba Gana, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas and Wyn Thomas.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council  
Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager  
Ms Shelby Wilsher – Student Internship (first item only)  
Mrs Catrin Llwyd – Translator

**51. Presentation by Shelby Wilsher, student from UWTSD regarding the survey of Carmarthen Parks**

The Mayor welcomed Shelby Wilsher to the meeting Council received a presentation from Ms Wilsher summarising the findings of the public survey. Suggestions for improvements were shared, which included some matters which have already been addressed. Council thanked to Ms. Wilsher for her presentation and the most useful findings of the survey that would now be fed into future decisions for the parks.

Members **NOTED** the presentation.

**52. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd, Miriam Moules and Barry Williams.

**53. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest as the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee.

**54. Questions from Members**

None

**55. Questions from the Public**

None

**56. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26th May 2021.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be accepted as a true record.

**57. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Emyln Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Ioan Matthews and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 be accepted as a true record.

**58. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2021.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gareth John, seconded by Cllr. Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 be accepted as a true record.

**59. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.**

*Cllr. Tom Defis joined the meeting during this item.*

Page 8: Item 38 – Cemetery Lodge rental and valuation. A sale and rental valuation had been received for the house at the cemetery. Members discussed the options in detail and considered the sensitive location of the house at the cemetery. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the house be rented on the private rental market due to the sensitive location of the property. Cllr. Jeff Thomas seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**. Details of possible tenants would be presented to the next General Purposes Committee if possible.

**60. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr. Ken Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 be accepted as a true record.

**Town Clerk's Report**

**61. Planning**

- a) **PL/02076** - Installation of 2 no. CCTV Cameras externally - TSB Bank, 5 Blue Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3LQ. **NO OBJECTION**
- b) **PL/02114** - Single storey timber framed shed to replace block shed that has been removed - 23 Cilddewi Park, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HP. **NO OBJECTION**

**62. Highways**

None

**63. Licensing**

- (i) Application For Premise Licence, 24a Merlins Walk, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA31 3BN. **NO OBJECTION.**

#### **64. Carmarthenshire Electoral Review**

The Clerk clarified that the proposed review affected County Council wards only. No changes were proposed to the current Town Council wards. A discussion was held and Cllr. T Defis proposed that Council write to the Welsh Government to express Council's dissatisfaction, noting many of the points sent in the last response from Council in 2018. Cllr Alun Lenny seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED.**

#### **65. Carmarthenshire County Council Housing and Regeneration Masterplan**

The Clerk advised that this matter would be discussed in the County Council's Town and Community Council Liaison Forum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July and Cllr. Jeff Thomas would be in attendance.

Members **NOTED** the consultation document.

#### **66. Household Waste Collections by Carmarthenshire County Council**

The consultation was **NOTED.**

#### **67. Safe Routes to School Initiative**

The Deputy Clerk summarised discussions with Llandyfaelog and Llangunor Community Councils and Ysgol Bro Myrddin regarding an application for proposed improvements on the routes to the school. It was acknowledged that improvements in the Carmarthen Town area would be too far away from the Ysgol Bro Myrddin to be of any real benefit. However improvements in the areas surrounding the school would improve the safety of pupils walking and cycling from Carmarthen to attend school. Cllr. Ken Lloyd proposed that the application be supported by Council and was seconded by Cllr. Tom Defis and the matter was **RESOLVED.**

#### **68. Correspondence**

Thank you letters for financial assistance contributions had been received from:

- i. Macmillan Cancer Support
- ii. Carmarthen Appeal Committee, Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2023
- iii. Cruse Bereavement Care

The correspondence was **NOTED.**

#### **69. To approve the Annual Return to Audit Wales**

Due to a delay with the accountant, it hadn't been possible to prepare the Annual Return in time for the meeting. A notice had been prepared in accordance with Audit Wales guidelines to be placed on Council's website noting the delay. The return will be presented to the July meeting of Council.

The update was **NOTED.**

**70. The Mayor's report.**

The Mayor's report was **NOTED**.

**71. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies**

None

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**